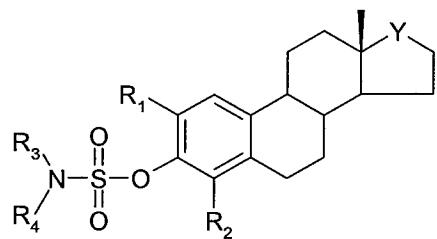


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV



wherein

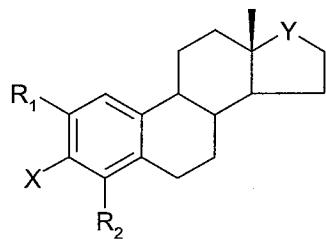
one of R<sub>1</sub> and/or R<sub>2</sub> is H and the other of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is a substituent other than H; wherein and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different but not both being H;

each of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H; and

Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

2. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV

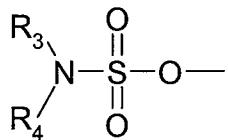


wherein

wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is H and the other of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is a substituent other than H and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different but not both being H, wherein the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy

containing group R<sub>1</sub> and optionally R<sub>2</sub> is a substituent other than H; wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

3. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the sulphamate group has the Formula III;



Formula III

wherein each of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, or together represent alkylene optionally containing one or more hetero atoms or groups in the alkylene chain.

4. (Cancelled) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H.

5. (Previously Presented) A sulphamate compound according to claim 3 wherein at least one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H.

6. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H.

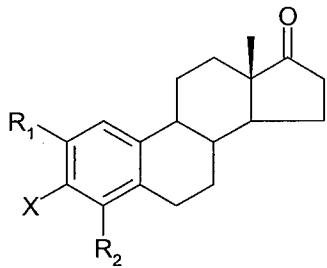
7. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 3 wherein each of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

10. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the Formula V;

Formula V



wherein X is a sulphamate group; one of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is H and the other of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is a substituent other than H and R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different but not both being H R<sub>1</sub> and optionally R<sub>2</sub> is a substituent other than H; and wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> may be the same or different.

11. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

12. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the substituent other than H is alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group, and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

13. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H is each of R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> is independently selected from H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl, substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> cycloalkyl, substituted C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

14. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H is R<sub>1</sub> is selected from C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl, substituted

$C_{1-6}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_{1-6}$  cycloalkyl, substituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and  $R_2$  is selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, substituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_{1-6}$  cycloalkyl, substituted  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

15. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

16. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H  $R_1$  is selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and  $R_2$  is selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

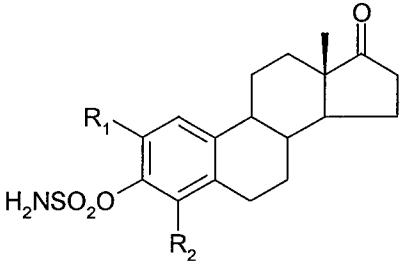
17. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl,  $NO_2$ , or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

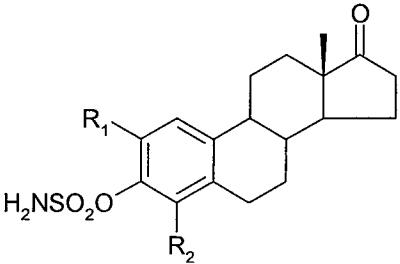
18. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H  $R_1$  is selected from  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl,  $NO_2$ , or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and  $R_2$  is selected from H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkenyl,  $NO_2$ , or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

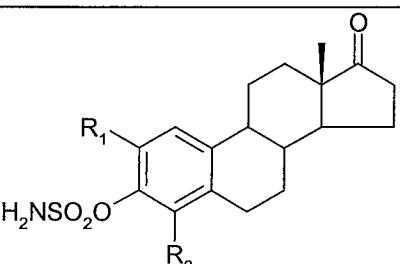
19. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the substituent other than H each of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is independently selected from H,  $C_3$  alkyl,  $C_3$  alkenyl,  $NO_2$ , or  $H_3CO$ .

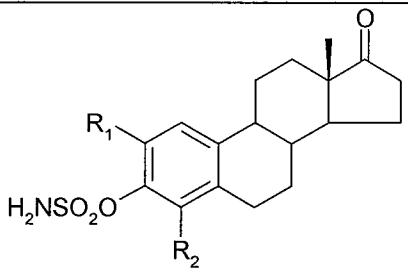
20. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the substituent other than H R<sub>4</sub> is selected from C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub> alkenyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, or H<sub>3</sub>CO, and R<sub>2</sub> is selected from H, C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub> alkenyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, or H<sub>3</sub>CO.

21. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is having any one of the Formulae VI - IX

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Formula VI
a)	n-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	H	
b)	H	n-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	
c)	n-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	n-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Formula VII
a)	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	H	
b)	H	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	
c)	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	

	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Formula VIII
a)	H <sub>3</sub> CO-	H	
b)	H	H <sub>3</sub> CO-	
c)	H <sub>3</sub> CO-	H <sub>3</sub> CO-	

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a)	-NO <sub>2</sub>	H										
b)	H	-NO <sub>2</sub>										
c)	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-NO <sub>2</sub>										

22. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

23. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more methoxy substituents.

24. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and/or R<sub>2</sub> is an alkoxy group.

25. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and/or R<sub>2</sub> is an alkoxy group.

26. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and/or R<sub>2</sub> is a methoxy group.

27. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and/or R<sub>2</sub> is a methoxy group.

28. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an alkoxy group.

29. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an alkoxy group.

30. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a methoxy group.

31. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a methoxy group.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any one of claims 1-2.

33-64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting and/or treating breast cancer comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1, 2, ~~4-7~~ 5-7, and 9-31.

66. (Cancelled) ~~A method of inhibiting and/or treating endocrine dependent cancers comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1 or 2.~~